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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,—GREETING.
A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, } WHEREAS in and by two certain
Attorney-General. } Acts of the Legislature of Our Province of British Columbia, the former passed in the Session thereof held in the 58th year of Our Reign, and intituled "An Act to Authorise the Revision of the Statutes," and the latter passed in the Session thereof held in the 60th year of Our Reign, and intituled "An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," provision is made for the appointment of a Commission for revising and consolidating a new edition of the Laws of the Province, and also of the Statute Law of England in force in and applicable to this Province, and rules are laid down for the guidance of the Commission as to the manner of executing the said work;

And whereas the Commission was further empowered to frame and draw new provisions and suggestions for the improvement of the Law, and it was enacted that the Commission should report the execution of their commission to the Lieutenant-Governor, and deposit the result of their work with the Provincial Secretary, which work should be known as "The Revision,"

And whereas it is further in effect provided that as soon as the Commission shall have so reported and deposited "The Revision," the Lieutenant-Governor may cause a correct printed roll thereof, attested under his signature and countersigned by the Provincial Secretary, to be deposited in the office of the said Provincial Secretary, which Roll shall be held to be the original thereof, and to embody the laws of the Province of British Columbia, and the Statute Law of England in force in and applicable to the Province; but any marginal notes and references to former enactments which appear thereon, shall be held to form no part of the said Statutes, but to be inserted for the convenience of reference only;

And whereas it is further in effect provided that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, after such deposit of such roll may, by Proclamation, declare a day on, from, and after which the same, or such portion thereof as he shall deem to comply with the rules laid down for the guidance of the Commission as to the manner of executing the said work, shall come into force and have effect as law by the designation of "The Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897;"

And whereas the Commission has executed and completed the said work, and has reported the result to the Lieutenant-Governor and deposited the same with the Provincial Secretary;

And whereas it further appears that the whole of the said work complies with the said rules laid down for the guidance of the Commission with the exception of the Acts therein contained, the numbers and titles whereof are as follows:

- 10. "The Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act;"
- 32. "The Bills of Sale Act;"
- 33. "The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act;"
- 50. "The Coroners' Act;"
- 91. "The Health Act;"
- 95. "The Infants' Contracts Act;"
- 99. "The Public Inquiries Act;"
- 106. "The Intestate Estates Act;"
- 107. "The Jurors' Act;"
- 111. "The Land Registry Act;"
- 120. "The Law of Defamation Amendment Act;"
- 126. "The Lunacy Act;"
- 149. "The Partition Act;"
- 152. "The Pawnbrokers' Act;"

which said Acts contain the suggestions of the Commission for the improvement of the law as above recited.

And whereas Our said Lieutenant-Governor, after such deposit of such Roll, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of Our said Province, has named the 21st day of February, instant, as the day on, from, and after which the said Roll, attested under the signature of Our said Lieutenant-Governor and countersigned by the Provincial Secretary and deposited in the office of the said Provincial Secretary, shall, with the exception of the said fourteen recited Acts, come into force and have effect as law by the designation of "The Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897":

NOW KNOW YE that, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province of British Columbia, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation declare that on, from, and after the said 21st day of the month of February, instant, the said last mentioned Roll, attested under the signature of Our said Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, countersigned by the Provincial Secretary, and deposited in the office of the said Provincial Secretary of the said Province as aforesaid, shall, with the exception of the Acts therein contained, the numbers and titles whereof are as follows:—

- 10. "The Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act;"
- 32. "The Bills of Sale Act;"
- 33. "The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act;"
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come into force and have effect as law by the designation of "The Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897," to all intent as though the same were expressly embodied in and enacted by the said Act secondly above recited:

Of all which premises all Our loving subjects of Our said Province, and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable THOMAS R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and in the sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,

Provincial Secretary.

